

Miss Elizabeth B. Smith
Corrales, N. Mex.
1880.
Instruction in Spanish.

Report Miss Eliz. B. Smith
and 12.29/80
copied-

Missin School, Corrales N. Mex.
Taught by Elizabeth B. Smith.

This school was commenced, and
taught by Mrs S. Perea, wife of Rev Jose
Gomez Perea. Corrales is not a town or
village - or as the Mexicans say, a plaza
but is thickly settled along the Rio Grande.
There is no protestant church & none pro-
fess to be converted. A few read the Scrip-
tures & sometimes attend services held & con-
ducted by Mr P. Like the "Feast" in the pas-
able, it is necessary to go out before service
& ask the people to attend.

There are about thirty scholars enrolled
who are very irregular in attendance.
They are provided with books, etc. only
a few have books & only a few pay any-
thing. I have received for tuition, some
sheepskins, three chickens, two eggs, &
a little beef, beside a dollar & a half.
It is better for them to pay something.

than receive all for nothing -
Almost all the instruction is given
in Spanish - the Scriptures are read
daily - the Lords Prayer - Some hymns,
& Childs catechism - very few can
read. I hope to have some more books
soon. Sometimes I observe that some of
the older boys read the Scriptures by
stealth. The weather has been cold, the
ground is covered with snow & I may ex-
pect only a few scholars on Mon. A.M.
for very few have stockings - one had
no jacket - till I made him one out of
a petticoat. Almost all are poorly clad.
Jackets of good strong thick cotton
cloth for boys from seven to fifteen years
& coarse, unbleached cotton shirts for
boys of the same age would be useful.
Capes, basques, shagies, & aprons for
girls of from six - twelve,
remnants of calico, or gingham for
handkerchiefs for girls & boys. It is

necessary to require the use of a
hook frequently. I teach sewing
on Friday afternoon, one hour. I could
teach them to hem, if I had some ma-
terial to hem. have nothing but
small patchwork which is Waukesha
& Indians, I have to cut. Paste & inspect
each patch. If there was yarn I could
teach them to knit - either cotton or
woolen yarn - Knitting is unknown
here, though practiced in Colorado
where they use fine needles & knit on
the wrong side - the inside of the stock-
ing - a few pins, slate pencils, snaps
& crimson buttons - Pictures are almost
torn to pieces by the boys in their eager-
ness to get them. Some of Frank Leslie's
Almanacs are charming - the Colored
ones would have to be reserved for
rewards - Chromos that are despised
at home, are considered most elegant
here - I want nothing expensive, nor

owing to the structure of houses, etc -
But 'sinners' endure the same, &
we are not worthy to be called Christ-
ians if we cannot endure something
for Christ's sake and cause -
Yours with kind regards

Elizabeth B. Smith.

P.S.

I am acquainted with a lady in St. Louis
Mo. who wished me to write. I forget her
address & name of pastor but will try to
find out. I think they would send all I
need.

Elizabeth B. Smith
Corralos, N. Mex.
1880.

Elizabeth B. Smith
actuals mailed 12-29-80
School
(CORRALOS
N. MEX.)

Corralos New Mexico
Dec 18. 1880

Mrs F. E. H. Haines

Dear Madam

Yours of the 18th Nov
was received a couple of weeks ago, but it
is so seldom that an opportunity of send-
ing to the post office occurs, that I have
not been able to acknowledge sooner.

Please thank the Ladies for their
kindness. It was necessary to buy a
stone for the school room, it cost \$14.75,
which ought to come out of the appropria-
tion. Mr Perea paid for it.

Owing to the fact that I lent money to a
missionary friend in Col. I have been
scarce of money & could not buy it, tho I
expected to pay for it.

Mr Jackson was to get desks & seats in
Chicago - I asked for a map of N. America
& a bell - punctuality is unknown.

Alphabet to Smith
12-29-18
Letter dated
1888

Alphabet to Smith
12-29-18
Letter dated
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among the Mexicans they have
neither clocks nor watches.

I have more than thirty scholars
enrolled, but rarely are that many
present. Scarcity of seats & books, as
well as other things interfere with
the success of the school. There is
only one window, at one end of the
room - often the door has to be open
to obtain light. A large family, with
visitors, servants, dogs - babies etc all
run through the room & the door is very
creaky, as Mexican doors usually
are. The cries of the children & noise
of the women are great distractions in
school. Every where we must
suffer inconvenience from the dif-
ficulty of obtaining wholesome food -
and if you have a good supply, it is
begged of you, or borrowed, but never
paid. It is also impossible to
guard against exposure & cold,

Miss Elizabeth Smith,
Albuquerque, N.M.
1881.

Copy of a letter from

Miss Elizabeth B. Smith -
Feb. 23rd / 88
Albuquerque New Mexico
Civiles

(I am not teaching a Mexican Indian school - but a Mexican school. We must build a school-house the coming summer, and I shall be very glad to be helped.) In Jan. I received a notice from the Board, that I had been commissioned as a teacher & the Pres^t of Santa Fe had asked for one hundred & fifty dollars a year salary for me. It was the first intimation I had had of the fact, & I was disposed to decline it, but consulting with Mr. & Mrs. P. we decided it would be best to accept it & use it for building a school-house. I thought then that with what I could spare I could do it. Mr. Perea has since consulted carpenters & others, & we find we could not do so at least it would be a very mean building, constantly needing repairs.

(At present I teach in a neighbor's house - the school-room is the entrance to sitting room & kitchen. All the family, acquaintances, dogs, wood & water go through the school-room, & sometimes there is such a noise it is impossible to hear but gossiping women, crying children & yelping dogs.

All the houses here have earthen floors - panded, & when they sweep they sprinkle the floor & make it damp. I received some desks & seats designed to be fastened to the floor with screws. There are contrivances

I include in the estimate ^{for Chapel & school building} a room for my-
-self, at one end, & a small kitchen which
can be used to enlarge the school-room if
necessary.) If the necessary sum be raised &

(necessary-) If the necessary sum be raised, I shall not accept salary from the Board - only do it one year to enable me to build - and it will be unnecessary if the building can be done by contributions. (We have an eligible lot) or two of them, Mr. P. intends to build & I want my establishment close beside his.

The woman from whom I rent declined rent for the last two months - she has four children in school. I leave the matter entirely with you.

I forgot to mention that we can get no room here & that the school room is where our religious services are held - also the - P. O. An earthen roof would be much cheaper & is universally used except by Americans but they are always leaking & then very damp for weeks in the rainy season. Last Summer my school room was flooded & the water had to be paled out with wooden buckets & after driving ten or fourteen days the soil was scooped into great heaps in the centre of the room - altogether the room could not be used for five or six weeks - the kitchen also was wet for one week, I was sick in bed, & had to go out of doors through the school room to the kitchen for food when I wanted it. (The previous Summer we had our rooms cleaned & white-washed several times, owing to the water falling through. I have seen of houses having to be abandoned for weeks.

Please return to
Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
23 Cedar St. N. Y.

Copy of letter from
Mrs. Eliz. B. Smith -
Albuquerque
New-Mexico

Now if we get a tin roof, it will cost \$175⁰⁰ 3
a very great expense.

I have had a Cough since Dec. & taught
on Mon. when hoarse & not well - Tues. I could
not speak aloud - Mr. P. taught yesterday &
to-day, but he dismissed them for the re-
mainder of the week.

(I do not ask for any thing as a personal
favor - only for the cause & as there is so great
need - There are so many needy ones that I do
not like to ask.

We have no Church here - Mr. Perea goes from
house to house preaching i. e. reading & explain-
ing the scriptures, singing & praying, if he is per-
mitted to do so. He is a little discouraged.

Gross darkness covers this people & we cannot
expect a great change in a very short time.

In my school my pupils seem at least as
willing to read the Testament as children^{as} at
home, and sometimes ask me for one to read.

I have to keep them, for some of the boys tore out
all the first Chapters of Matt. & many of Rev.
while I was engaged in the closing services.

Mr. P. has helped me more since that, he said,
"I will pray & do you watch," rather singular, but
we have had better behavior -

Elizabeth B. Smith
Albuquerque, N. Mex
(Spanish work)

Gods land shall not return to him void -
Light is beginning to dawn - I dont expect
to see a great change, but it will surely
come - that is enough -

With sincere regard, Yours truly,
Elizabeth B. Smith.

Elizabeth B. Smith
Albuquerque, N. Mex.
1881
(Mexican)

Miss Eliz. B. Smith
Corralito
Albuquerque

Albuquerque New Mexico Feb 1, 81
Mrs L. H. E. Haines, Sec. Wm. Ex. Com., 13d St N. W.

Dear Madam:

Yours of Dec 29, was duly received & Jan 22nd the desks etc arrived for my school room. They had been in Albuquerque for several weeks, owing to the state of the Rio Grande they could not be brought here.

The desk & chair for the teacher I find very comfortable. I have had to sit on a box or bench so long I appreciate the chair. The desk is so useful to secure the books, which had been carried away or torn in pieces.

There is a small globe, bell & some material for black board. The children had been crowded for sitting at a desk intended for two. I wrote to my friend in St. Louis - had a letter from her just. She

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St. Louis, Mo.
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has moved to a part of the city where
there is a new church struggling to build
a house of worship, & unable to ^{do} much out-
side. They have no mus. Soc. but there is
a young Ladies Band; they sent me some
pretty Cards. We had a very pleasant
Christmas treat. Mrs P. provided candy, &
made cakes, & a Lutheran Min in Pitts-
burgh sent Cards, etc. for a "tree". However
I dispensed with the tree.

Some home friends are sending me some
thing - so I shall not suggest any church
or Soc. to send me -

Thank you for the interest expressed
about my food. Mr & Mrs P. are both
very kind & he is a good provider.
Unfortunately there are many things
I am unable to eat - nothing strong
nor salt - nor highly seasoned -

It requires faith & charity in lively exercise
to work here. Still there is not a doubt that
that the Church shall be established here.

ambitious to learn, and ^{who} study in the even-
ings after work - A few days ago he was
at a poor village on a mountain side where
they wish to learn - he will give some cate-
chisms & have those who can read teach
the others - When a teacher comes to Jency -
I shall be pleased to share with her - All
we can spare will be given to others -

Excuse the length of this letter - I wanted
you to know all these things -

With kind regards, very respectfully,
Elizabeth B. Smith

P.S. Your letter was open the p. a. is in the
Jency's house & is kept by a Mrs. R. B.
I am afraid they may wish to learn
something of our plans - we need to
be very cautious -

Elizabeth B. Smith
Albuquerque, N.M.
1881.

Elizabeth B Smith
Albuquerque

Apr 10, 1881

Albuquerque New Mexico

Mrs L. E. H. Haines, Sec. W. H. M. Soc

Dear Mrs Haines

Yours of Mar 9th

was received, and you will find enclosed a letter from Chas. Pals. Santa Fe, also one from Rev Shields M. H. Jones. Mr. Division is not in N. Mex. now, and does not know of this field. Mr. P. has been trying for several weeks to buy a good site for the school house there are a number offered. He and I will purchase the land - he for his dwelling, & I for the school etc. Mr. P. calculates \$360 ⁰⁰ as the cost of the school building; when completed & paid for, I will give a deed for it to the Pres. of Santa Fe. Many things must be taken into consideration - it must be where it will not be liable to be overflowed and near the pupils - and in a

Attended 61 atologues
1881

a good neighborhood. There are many very bad characters - & it is very undesirable to live in their midst.

My school is quite small now - the boys are employed - Also this is lent - the priest - has neglected the people for years, but now he is on the alert - People who had not been to confession for years, have confessed - One day all the scholars were absent - Testaments and Catechisms have been torn - marked disorder when I have had part of the school reading the Scriptures, or reciting the Catechism - The Sab. Sch. reduced to three & four - Sometimes I am much discouraged - Mr P. is so hopeful & patient - "Here is the faith and patience of the saints" - I forgot to mention in connection with the school money that a Pittsburgh lady sent me the Hundred Dollars before I asked

I wrote to Mrs. Lovel & the person
who carried my letter to the Post Office
brought back the Check or Draft.
I have been assured that others are
collection subscriptions for the purpose.
* Please inform the Treasurer that
do not wish to receive the money ask-
ed for by the Pres. of S. L., \$150.
I can do without it if a School house is
built & the room & kitchen for myself.

I received a barrel the second week Mar.
from the Young Ladies of St. Marguerite
St. Louis, Mo. Though a very large part of
it was contributed by Prof. Butler of that
Ch - Supt. Education for the City. I think,
Books, slates, pencils, globe, a small. Plb
board, & the Agt of the Pres. Board of Publica-
tion sent a large package of Tracts (Span-
ish chiefly, which I gave to Mr. Perea -
he is delighted to have such a good sup-
ply. He took some slates, pencils etc. to
some poor Christians in Jemez whose

Elizabeth B. Smith
Albuquerque, N. Mex.
1881

Miss Elizabeth B. Smith -
Crescent - N. Mex.
and 6.4/81 -

about Building -

May 16. 1881.

Albuquerque New Mex

Mrs E. F. Haines Sec

Dear Mrs Haines

I write to
inform you that we have today
begun work on the School House,
and expect it will be comple-
ted in two months

Mr Perea will push work for
he has to be with the workmen
constantly, and that will keep him
from his proper work as a Mission-
ary.

Mrs Sevel wrote me
that nearly the whole amount
had been contributed. She sup-
posed it would be sometime
before it would be needed here.

The workmen have to be paid
every Saturday evening.

Atkins. B. Bridge St.
Apr. 15. 1881, express paid.
1881

The material - lumber, nails etc
must be paid for when bought
Freight is \$12⁰⁰ per thousand ft -
for lumber - it requires four days
to haul it from the mill. & the
freight must be paid on delivery.
I bought the land & paid at once -
not much - we shall have
to board three carpenters -

I had to vacate the school
room the last of April, so have
a holiday from teaching.

May is a time of festivity among
the Mexicans, it is sacred to the
Virgin Mary & very few scholars
attended. This is an additional
reason for hurrying building the
school house. If you send one
hundred at a time until all
is sent, it will suit very well
Some of the people are

6 dissatisfied - while they thought
4 our stay would be temporary.
They were very kind. but building
8 a house. shows we mean to stay.

With kind regards I am yours
4 Truly

Elizabeth P. Smith

taken down & rebuilt & nearly
all Mr Pears' fell down. I
whenever I can tell the cost of
what is completed I will send
you the account - it will be more
than \$200 I am sure
Very respectfully
Elizabeth B. Smith

P.S. I wrote several letters to Mrs S. F.
Scovel, Pittsburgh, last spring, which
I hoped she would forward to
you - Your letter to me was open
and I understood Mrs Pears that
it was not the first time. Our
post-office is in the Jesuits build-
ing - French & Italians mostly. I
fear they are not to be trusted
doubtless they know that a letter
with the name of Miss House etc

Miss Elizabeth B. Smith
of Albuquerque, N. M.
1881

nothing interfered
Miss Elizabeth B. Smith
wrote money -
and 8.19/81
Aug 8th 1881.

Albuquerque New Mex
Mrs L. E. Haines, Sec. etc.

Dear Madam

Yours of June
3rd was received and answered, but
the \$100- that you promised to send,
very soon, has never reached me -
I fear it must have been stolen,
or lost. Its nonarrival is a serious
inconvenience. For two or three months
I have been spending my own money
& for the last month, what is to keep
me in the necessaries of life till
the middle of next Jan.

Mrs Scovel said money contribu-
ted for an object would be paid
for that object but I noticed in the
Home Miss \$305 for New Mexico
from the Pittsburgh Churches.

I hope it was a mistake, as if
not it will have a very bad ef-
fect on contributors at Home Miss.
Our buildings ought to have
been finished in June before the
rainy season began; immediately
after the carpenters came, the
rains became frequent & heavy,
the adobes were wet & ^{ruined} some of the
walls fell & had to be rebuilt.

For seven or eight weeks I have
had from three to four girls in
the morning in my warm, crowd-
ed room. We hope the houses
may be finished at least all
that can be done this season by
the first Sept. but it will be
unsafe to occupy owing to the
dampness. I cannot tell the
cost yet. I had to get a tin
roof, what was called. Asbestos
was quite worthless. the man

who recommended it had
to take off his asbestos & put on
lin. When I wrote \$360. as the
cost I did not expect that
sum would be sufficient
to pay for school room & dwelling
but that I would make up the
deficiency myself. A distant
relative sent me some money
for my part of the building & I
shall try to do the rest. I pres-
ume they will cost about the
same. You would not have such
a house for your horse & all will
be bare without fence or any
ornament whatever. You need
not imagine that it will excite
the admiration of the Mexicans
they wonder at the floor - in other
respects the house will be inferior
to theirs. It was the school
room wall that had to be

P.S.

Mr Peca returned this evening, 26. Had a small but pleasant meeting of Pres. In some places work is progressing favorably among the Mexicans - where the seed has been sown for years - where Mr. P. once taught & worked. A sceptical gentleman who has had business at one point occasionally for years, told Mr. P. that the Protestants were much better people than they once were - or those who have become protestants are much better people ^{they even} than formerly. Gospel light shines. Oh how we shall rejoice when it can be said of this place that there are Prots. here & that they are better people. Now all are gathering grapes & treading them in the press. When all will be fully & new fermented wine-drink. E.P.S.

Mrs E. B. Smith
Albuquerque, N. Mex
1881, Sept. 26.

HOMESTEAD

Mrs E. B. Smith.

Albuquerque, New Mex

Sept 26th 1881.

Mrs E. F. H. Haines Sec. W. Can. etc

Dear Madam

I was recovering from
sickness when the last opportunity of
sending to the post office occurred, &
had could only write a receipt for
the money to Dr H. R. Nelson.

The following Mon. A. M. Mr Peren
started on horseback to the meeting
of Pres. at Las Vegas. He was to as-
sist at the communion services
in Jersey on his return; so it will
be several days before he will be
home & there can be any mail.

I enclose the accounts of the school
house - you will perceive there ^{some} is
money remaining - not enough, how

Atm. 183 at 11
M.H.B., 1881
1881

ever to defray the remaining
expenses. If my life and health
are continued, I can pay for what
remains. All is paid for what is ^{settled} comp.
I paid \$15⁰⁰ for the land & 50 cts for
the deed, which must be recorded.
Also \$18⁰⁰ to Mr Pica for boarding the
carpenters. I wrote Dr Wilson for
directions to give it into the care
it to the Board, or to the Pres of Santa
Fe. So far as my knowledge of
Church business extends, I would
think the Pres. the proper body to
control Ch. property within its
bounds. The two rooms in the rear
cost as little ^{much as} more than the school room
although not so large - but the lum-
ber did not cut so advantageously.
If you wish for the accounts for it
I will send them - the rooms go with
the school house - will be counted
as one building.

We expect to move after
Mr P. returns, and School will be
opened early in Oct. I have had
three or four ^{pupils} nearly all summer in
my room, till taken sick. I was
confined to bed eight days, and
left my bed too soon. Every summer
^{since} I have been in this country, I have
had an attack of malarial fever
which confined me to bed eight days
but have been weaker this time, &
longer recovering.

Very respectfully

Elizabeth B. Smith.

* I included in the expense of my room the
price of the land & the boarding.
I got a dozen hinges, but Mr P. could
not tell the price. I had a table and
have never had a table since leaving Cal.
have eaten from my lap, or a box, etc.

Corrales School & Chapel

	\$	C
Adobe & Sod	23.	68
Lumber	46.	63
Ceiling	14.	43
Freight	32.	82
Doors, 2 X 1. 90	3.	80
Windows 3 X 2. 00	9.	00
Latches 2 X 21 = 42	0.	42
Bolts 2 X 50	1.	00
Roof Bolts	2.	00
Nails	8.	03
Carpenters	62.	50
Timbers, Tin, etc	62.	00
Masons & Tenders	19.	25
Plasterers	7.	75
	293.	33

There was a platform ^{also} & two large benches,
I ordered four, but the lumber was
poor & exhausted, these are for public

worship most of the school desks &
seats are too small & low for men.
When more are needed we can get
them. We got doors & windows in Albu-
querque, a Chicago manufacturing has
a branch there.

\$308.00

\$293.33

\$14.67 *Dr. on hands*

There is still work to be done that will
require more than this amount. See
letter to Mrs. Haines.